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**Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment**  
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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on: May 12, 2004

By: Carol Prentice

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In re Application of: B. Kupferschmid, et al. Examiner: J. Woo  
Application No.: 10/055,795 Art Unit: 3731  
Filed: January 22, 2002  
Title: SURGICAL, TUBULAR-SHAFTED INSTRUMENT

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is **an AMENDMENT** in the above-identified application.

**FEE CALCULATION:**

				SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL	34	34	0	X 9	\$	X18	\$ 0
INDEPENDENT	2	3	0	X 43	\$	X86	\$ 0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				+145	\$	+290	\$ 0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE					\$		\$ 0

**ENCLOSURE(S):**

- ☒ **Amendment** dated May 12, 2004 -- 3 pages
- ☒ **Associate Power of Attorney**
- ☒ **The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0625.**

Respectfully submitted,

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